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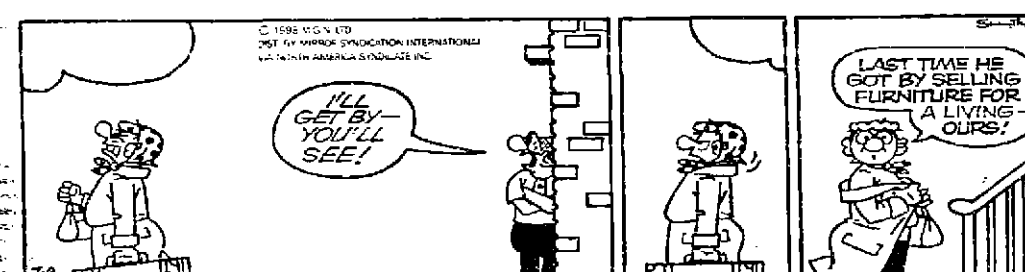
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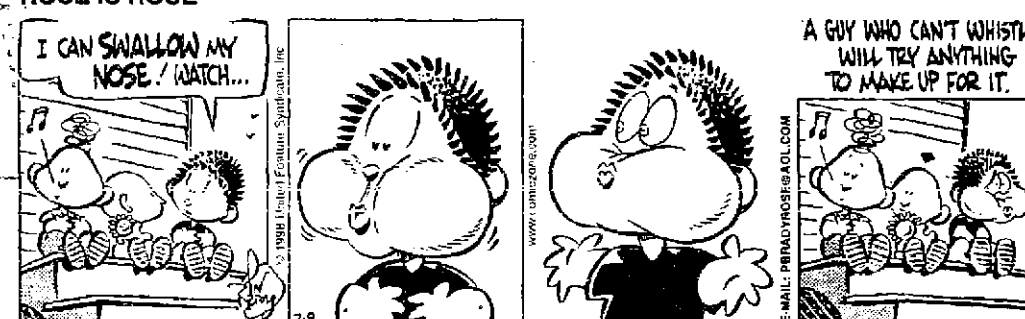
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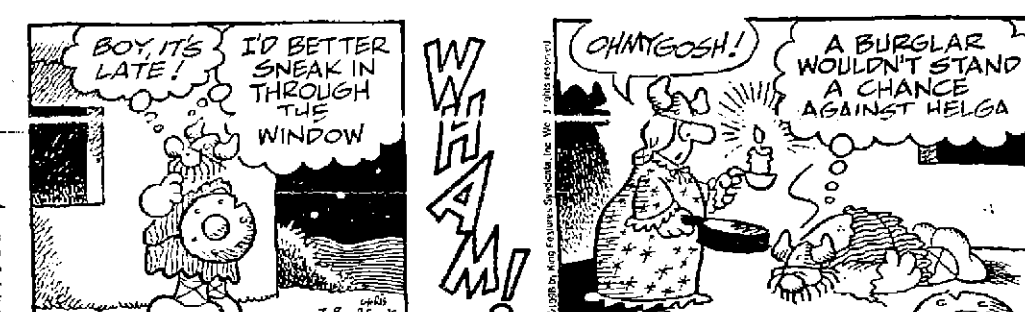
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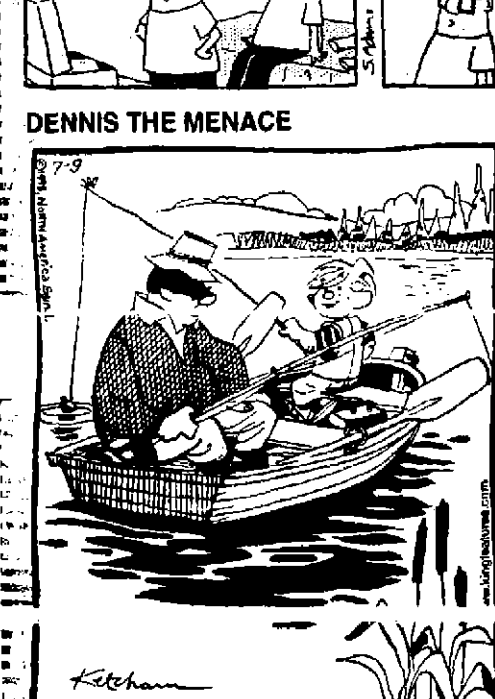
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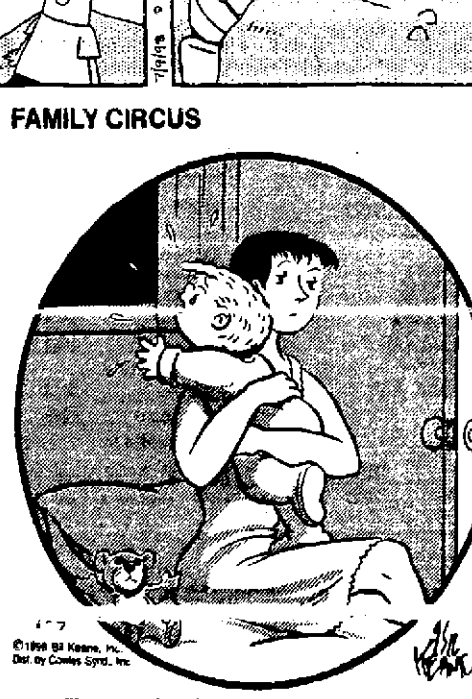
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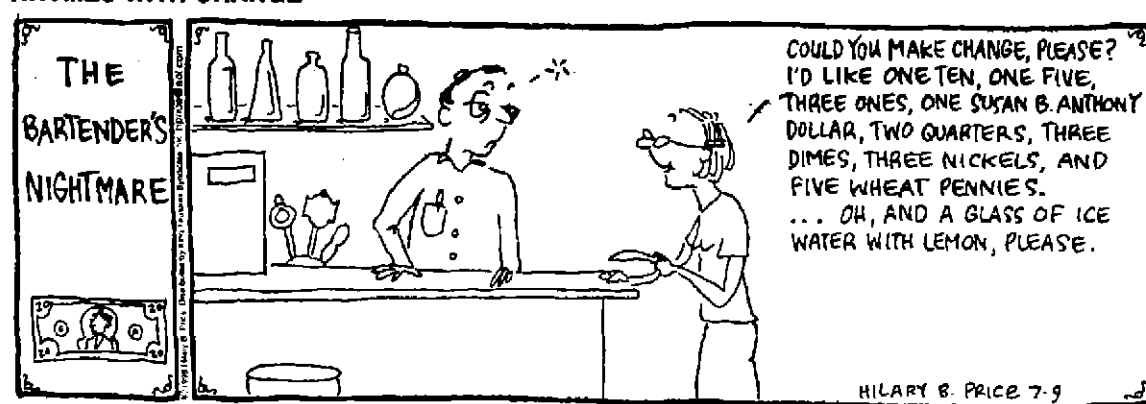
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, July 10, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try to take three deep breaths, caught up in petty dramas, but you should keep your distance.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It is a good time to make some extra money so you can purchase some of those luxury items you desire.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might run into problems with your finances. On an emotional level, some deep issues arise.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Everyone seems unusually busy right when you feel like just hanging out. If you think your partner is not giving you enough attention, try to be patient.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Send out that business and personal correspondence, as responses are likely to be favorable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) It's an excellent time for you, filled with fun and creativity. If you are single, you're likely to meet a true soulmate in disguise while out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You hear from a parent or older relative. Although you might not like what he or she is saying, you would be well-advised to follow the advice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You might not be feeling your best, but you still manage to impress someone important.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Money, and how to get more of it, suddenly becomes a serious preoccupation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You accomplish startling things in your career. A higher-up notices all the hard work you've been contributing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Saving time with sloppy work would backfire on you in the long run.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Friends might call on you for an opinion in an important matter.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Minor league team names

L H B E B Y V T Q O L I G D B
Y W A E R O S D A D W A R C T
R P Y M B K N T I F D B Y S W
U X S E E T A N A M S Q O T M
K I O T E F P S D C B S Z U S
X W X S S U P S T S Y N O N R
O N L C Y I E J H A F E D G E
C A O Y W K R V T S C H L U M
Q R P N U L S U K I H D F L M
C E C D S E I K O M S U U B A
Z Y W V U S R Q P T N M M M J

Wednesday's unlisted clue: BELT

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: Another Name For Crayfish

Aeros
Alley Cats
Baysox
Bees
Crocs
Dukes
Jammers
Lugnuts
Manatees
Mid Hens
Mudcats
Sky Sox
Smokies
Snappers
Tourists

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

would have made it with better luck in the club suit. "I had all the luck I needed," confessed South. "All I had to do was manage your dummy entries with more care."

West led a safe diamond 10, and a quick survey told South he had to find luck in clubs. He could develop enough tricks easily if East held the club ace. Lacking that, capturing the club jack would do. Playing quickly, South won dummy's diamond ace to start the clubs, and low to his king brought good news. Next he crossed to dummy's spade queen to lead another club. This time East took his ace to kill the dummy, leading a spade to dummy's ace. Another club to declarer's queen set up the clubs, but South had no entry to use them. Without the clubs, South could win only 11 tricks and had to concede a one-trick set. How does South make today's slam? By protecting dummy's entries from direct attack. He should win the first diamond in his hand and cross to dummy's spade queen. A club lead to his king survives and South gets back to dummy with the spade ace to lead another club. This time East is helpless. If he takes his ace, he cannot attack dummy's diamond entry, and South can unravel 12 winners. And if East ducks his ace, South merely wins and clears the suit.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Local bridge results, which normally appear on Thursdays, were not available this week.

HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 9, the 190th day of 1998. There are 175 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On July 9, 1896, William Jennings Bryan caused sensation at the Democratic national convention in Chicago with his "cross of gold" speech denouncing supporters of the gold standard. He went on to the party's nomination.

On this date

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had a 6-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled.

In 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in York.

In 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain.

In 1850, the 12th president of the United States Zachary Taylor, died after serving 16 months.

In 1947, the engagement of Britain's Princess Elizabeth to Lt. Philip Mountbatten was announced.

In 1951, President Truman asked Congress to nullify the state of war between the United States and Germany.

In 1982, a Pan Am Boeing 727 crashed in Ken La, killing all 146 people aboard and eight people on the ground.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Former British Prime Minister Edward Heath is 82. Actor Ed Ames is 71. Singer-songwriter Lee Hazelwood is 69. Actor Brian Dennehy is 60. Actor Richard Roundtree is 56. Author Dean Koontz is 53. O.J. Simpson is 51. Actor Jimmy Smits is 43. Actress Lisa Banes is 43. Actor Tom Hanks is 42. Actress Kelly McGillis is 41. Rock singer Jim Kerr (Simple Minds) is 39. Actress-rock singer Courtney Love is 34. Actor Scott Grimes is 27. Actor Fred Savage is 22.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0528

ACROSS

1 "Love handles"

5 Leave helpless with laughter

9 Cornwall, for one

14 Cabin spot

15 Give an edge to

16 Throw a party for, say

17 With 29-, 46- and 59-Across, welcome after-dinner words

20 Pizarro's quest

21 Priceless?

22 Careless

23 Indiscriminate

24 Boozehound

26 Former French coin

28 See 17 Across

33 "— voltaje!" (Spanish warning)

36 Reply to the Little Red Hen

37 Clear

38 Kind of loser

39 1983 Indy 500 winner Tom

41 State

42 The way of all flesh?

44 Burr-Hamilton event

48 Hardy heroine

49 See 17-Across

49 Amarillo-to-Dallas dir.

50 "Whew!"

51 Sketch from scratch

52 Ring king

53 V.I.P. vehicle

55 Chopper

59 See 17-Across

64 Half a 60's-70's TV duo

65 France's Savoy

66 Expensively finished

67 Radio features

68 "Surely you —"

69 One of the Cartwright boys

DOWN

1 Absolutely astound

2 Author — Ingalls Wilder

3 Headquarters for Ohio Edison

4 Panhandle

5 Some W.W. II tanks

6 Waste

7 It's a start

8 "You betcha!"

9 Put away, in a way

10 Major prank

11 Publicity, so to speak

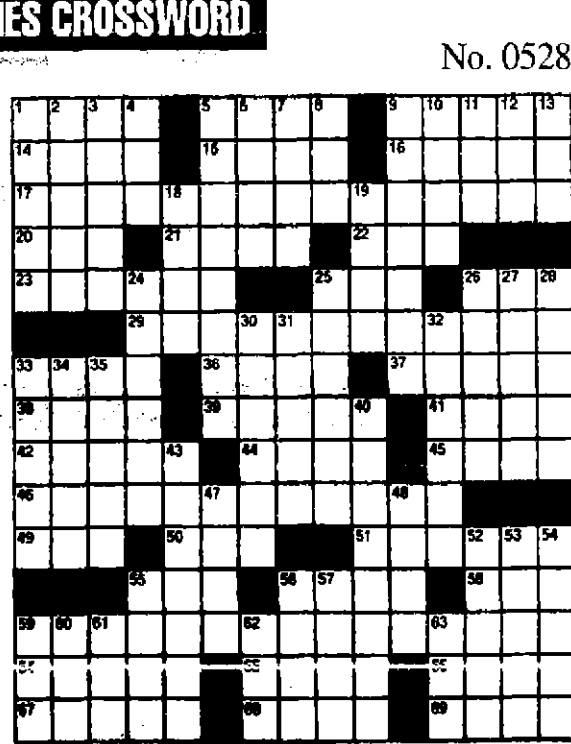
12 Fish eggs

13 Slip

14 Abduction sites, supposedly

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

HOLE STILL ISMS
APAR AERIE DYAN
LEVI LAKEGEORGE
FRANCIS GAD ONE
GOV BELDSPAR
PANORAMA LAT
ADORE APLY PAIN
PACIFIC HIG LUMBER
ASKA KNOW LUMAR
QHI UNBOLTED
BACHELOR UAT
ALL ALF UNAGENS
SAINTJOHNS IRAN
AMMO ONICE RIYA
LOBS YENWE LEAP



Puzzle by Patrick Jordan

47 Film genre

48 Eye-catching sign

49 Relationship

50 Figure skating leaps

51 Adam and

52 King in I Kings

53 Singer Lovett

54 Get one's goat

55 Quebec vote

56 Couple

57 Mahal

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5558 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-800-7-ACROSS.